[Note: The following excerpt of a September 3, 2004 Federal Register Notice provides a description of public "data gathering" hearings held at the National Institute for Standards and Technology on September 20,21,22, 2004. Transcripts will be available in early October at: http://vote.nist.gov/HearingsandTranscripts.htm. Public testimony delivered at the hearings will be posted as it is submitted electronically at the above web site. In addition, we encourage the public to submit relevant testimony at: http://vote.nist.gov/TGDC.htm and selecting <Submit Comments or Position Statements>.]

U. S. Election Assistance Commission Announcement of Public Meetings of Subcommittees of the Technical Guidelines Development Committee under the Help America Vote Act (Public Law 107-252)

AGENCY: U. S. Election Assistance Commission

ACTION: TGDC Subcommittee Public Meetings Announcement

SUMMARY: Public Law 107-252, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), establishes a 15-member Technical Guidelines Development Committee (TGDC) to assist the Executive Director of the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. HAVA names the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to chair the TGDC and requires NIST to provide the TGDC with technical support necessary to carry out its duties. The TGDC met on July 9, 2004, and resolved to establish three five-member subcommittees, each to be chaired by a member. The EAC subsequently approved formation of the subcommittees. The subcommittees are named: 1) Security and Transparency, 2) Human Factors and Privacy, and 3) Core Requirements and Testing. The duties of the TGDC include the gathering and analysis of data and information related to the security of computers, human factors, voter privacy, and methods to detect and prevent fraud. The purpose of the subcommittee meetings is to provide an opportunity for the election community to offer testimony on technical issues related to the TGDC's voluntary voting standards development process. Each meeting will be chaired by the respective subcommittee chair, and will consist of the presentation of panels of experts by technical subject matter. One hour will be reserved at the conclusion of each day for members of the public to provide up to five minutes of testimony. Members of the public intending to present testimony are requested to indicate this on the advance registration form. Relevant issues include security, transparency, human factors, privacy, core standards requirements and testing of voting systems. Further information on the hearings, including listings of subcommittee members and panel topics will be available at: http://vote.nist.gov/HearingsandTranscripts.htm

DATES: The subcommittee meetings will be held September 20th (Transparency and Security), 21st (Core Requirements and Testing) and 22nd (Human Factors and Privacy), 2004 from 9 am until 5 pm.